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Description: ff. i + 198 + i - In wooden boards and stamped calf, s. XVI; spine has 3 raised bands and cross hatching in the panels; PAULA CARA stamped on front cover. - Written for Giulia Caracciolo, a Benedictine nun of Santa Patrizia, in Naples; later belonged to Paola Caracciolo. In the collection of Prof. Federico Patetta (1867-1945)of Turin, his nr. 13; the Patetta collection as it stood when he died is now in the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana. Acquired by Columbia University in 1931-1932 from the late Mr. Finkenstädt of Munich, with a grant from the President of the University, as a "Beneventan manuscript of exceptionally late date." - De Ricci, p. 1259. V. Brown, "Survival of Beneventan Script: Sixteenth-Century Liturgical Codices from Benedictine Monasteries in Naples," in Monastica: Scritti raccolti in memoria del XV Centenario della nascita di S. Benedetto (480-1980) (Montecassino 1981), vol. 1, pp. 237-355 as one of ten sixteenth-century manuscripts in Beneventan script.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 7

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 16th

Part 1: ff. 1-198

Description: - Parchment - 140 x 105 mm - 14 long lines ruled in dry point.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region: Campania

City: Naples?

Assigned Date: s. XVI[in]

Searchable Date Range: 1500 - 1515

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Beneventan.

Other Decoration: Illustrated border on f. 1; 6-line miniature; 4- to 2-line initials alternating in red and blue with penwork flourishing in the contrasting color, occasionally into the margin; blue and red line fillers; rubrics in red

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-198v

Title: Prayerbook

Language(s): Latin

Notes: As pointed out by Virginia Brown, the litany in this manuscript includes Sts. Nicandro and Marciano, who were the original titular saints of S. Patrizia (ff. 21-35); there are psalms and a prayer to S. Patrizia (f. 119); on ff. 32v, 35, 138v and 169 there are references employing feminine forms, e.g. " michi peccatrici."

Status of text: Ending defectively (unanswered catchword on f. 198v).



f. 1

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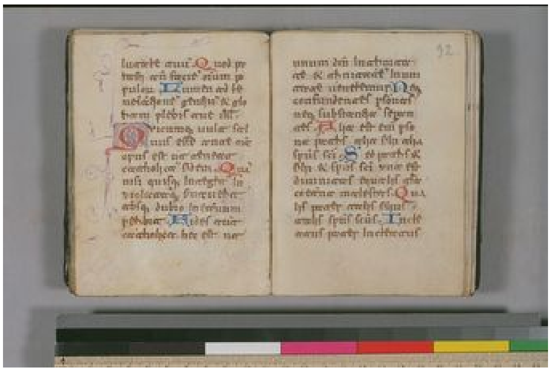
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ff. 20v-21 Name of first owner, "Iulia[m]" in prayer.

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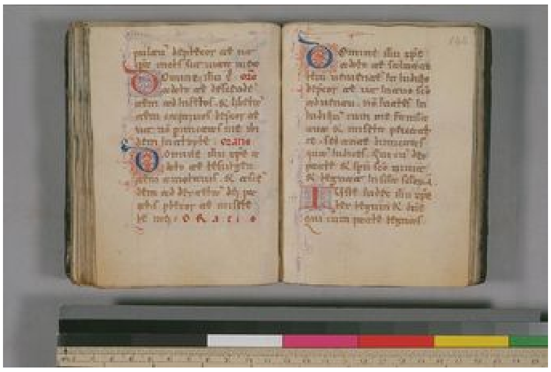
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ff. 91v-92 Non-Beneventan abbreviation "aut" for autem.

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ff. 143v-144 Gothic in rubric.

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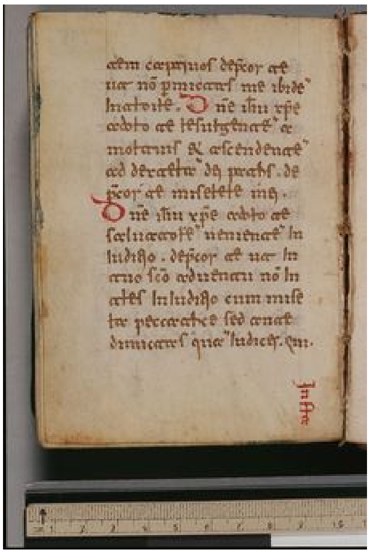
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ff. 179v-180 Gothic in rubric.

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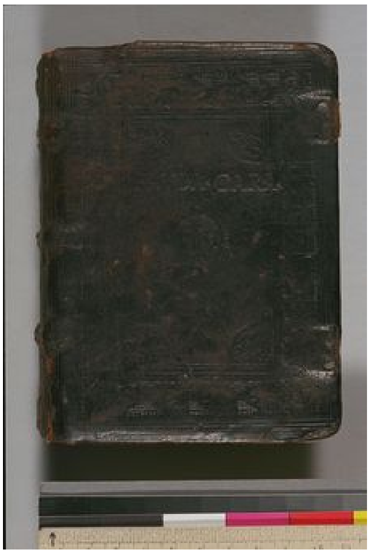
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f. 198v Ending defectively: unanswered catchword.

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Binding Front cover, stamped "Paula Cara[cciolo]."

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